

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert D. Hamman et al.
Serial No.: 09/917,379
Filed: July 26, 2001
Group No.: 2137
Examiner: Jeffrey D. Popham
Notice of Allowance Mailed: August 14, 2006
Confirmation No.: 9987
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PLAYING A LOTTERY-TYPE GAME

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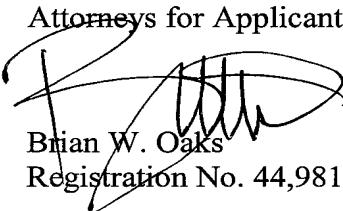
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-5, 7, 10-23, 27-32, 36-38, and 40-45. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,
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